

Fire department to offer 24-hour coverage

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

For the first time in the history of the city, residents of Romulus will have fire protection 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Members of the city council approved the hiring of eight new firefighters Monday night, effectively doubling the size of the fire department.

Council members approved the transfer of funds from the police department to fund the new firefighters at the meeting.

At a study session last week, Charles Kirby, public safety director, and David Allison, fire chief, suggested that six firefighters and one commander be hired, with the other

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William Crova

two firefighters hired in the next fiscal year.

They also suggested that the fire inspector be upgraded to fire marshal.

After opposition from several council members to the idea of adding a commander, Kirby and Allison met with Mayor Alan R. Lambert and decided to go back to the original plan of hiring eight full-time firefighters.

"My main objective was to hire the eight firefighters,

so that's what we requested," Lambert said.

"The goal was to be able to provide 24/7 fire coverage," he said.

The department will still upgrade the fire inspector's position to fire marshal, with another firefighter promoted to fire inspector.

"The fire marshal assists with inspections, does investigations and some education," Allison said.

The city will also earmark money to promote four firefighters to lieutenants. Paid on-call captains will assume the duties of the lieutenants until they are in place, according to Allison.

The firefighters will work 12-hour shifts, with two on

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Elder Edward Thomas Jr. shows how a Jan. 27 fire at the Martin Temple Church of God In Christ in Romulus completely gutted the building. The congregation will have a special "Help Rally" at 4 p.m. April 27 at Saints City Church of God In Christ in Romulus where donations will be accepted. The congregation is considering the purchase of a church in Westland. Photo by Pam Fleming

Congregation plans fundraiser following destruction of church

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When in need, whom do you call—your family, friends, coworkers or neighbors?

Members of a Romulus congregation are calling on one and all to help them fund the replacement of their church that burned in January.

Martin Temple Church of God In Christ will be accepting donations during a special "Help Rally" at 4 p.m. April 27 at Saints City Church of God In Christ, 7335 Washington, in Romulus.

Martin Temple, located at 6566 Wayne Road, just north of Ecorse, was burned during a

Jan. 27 fire.

Church members were using a blowtorch on the exterior of the building to thaw a frozen pipe when wood inside the church began to smolder, according to David Allison, Romulus fire chief.

"They did the same thing last year and had no problems," he said.

"They opened the doors to let the smoke out and thought everything was fine. They left for about 45 minutes to get something to eat and when they came back, they noticed smoke coming out of the front door."

"When we opened the front door to the church, the air just

fueled the fire," said Elder Edward Thomas Jr., church pastor since 1992.

Firefighters from two Romulus stations and a tower truck responded to the scene but not before flames engulfed the building.

"It was completely involved by the time we got there," Allison said. "A fire doubles in size every 30 seconds."

Built in 1949, the church had been known as the Martin Temple since 1978.

Representatives from the church say damage to the structure is too extensive to repair and that insurance will

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Mother leads fight against teen suicide

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Glenda Everett didn't know her son, Jesse, was going to commit suicide at age 14. But some of his friends knew.

"He told two friends in school the day before Thanksgiving what he was going to do on the following Saturday," she recalled.

Her son, who had only attended high school for three months, shot himself Nov. 30, 1996, while hunting with a male friend of Everett's.

"The day before Thanksgiving he told me school was too hard. He was screaming out for me and I didn't know it," Everett said.

Today, Everett is director of the Michigan Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Prevention Program, headquartered in Dearborn.

Everett addressed the members of the Romulus City Council last month to inform them about the program. She hopes to be able to visit Romulus schools in the future to talk about the program at all-school assemblies.

"I am streetwise in suicide," Everett said. "I want to increase awareness of teen suicide and empower the residents of Romulus to save lives."

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a proactive suicide prevention plan.

Yellow Ribbon business-size cards are given to teens to keep with them at all times. If they are in a crisis situation or need help, they can give the card to someone they trust—a friend, parent, school bus driver, coach or other person.

The card says: "This ribbon is a lifeline. It carries the message

that there are those who care and will help. If you are in need and don't know how to ask for help, take this card to a counselor, teacher, clergy, parent or friend and say: 'I need to use my yellow ribbon.'"

The back of the card instructs the recipient to stay with the person in crisis, listen and get them to someone or call someone who can help.

Tom Kuk, 18, of Westland said he used a Yellow Ribbon Program card after contemplating suicide after dealing with the attempted suicide of two friends. He said he also had a friend commit suicide about a month ago.

"They brought me down with them. It was kind of a trigger effect," he explained. "I didn't know how to deal with the feelings I was experiencing. That's when I got in touch with Glenda," he said. Kuk met Everett during a recent presentation at John Glenn High School in Westland, where he's a senior.

"Just knowing that program was there was enough to help me. I've also brought my knowledge of the program to my school and my church," Kuk said. He is president of the youth group at St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland.

The Yellow Ribbon Program was developed in memory of Michael Emme, a 17-year-old Colorado boy who shot himself in his yellow Ford Mustang outside his home in 1994.

His parents, Dale and Dar Emme, started the program. The yellow ribbon is a symbol of Michael's beloved yellow Mustang.

Nine years later, volunteers

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Obituaries

CHAMBERS, Lillian Jean

Lillian Jean Chambers, 77, of Westland, died Feb. 21 in Ann Arbor.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Karen Newsome and Leslie (Timothy) Kirks, and grandchildren, Zachary Newsome, Hannah Kirks, Jordan Newsome and Adam Kirks.

Funeral services were at First United Methodist Church in Wayne with the Rev. David Stewart officiating.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home.

OPALESKI, Frank E.

Frank E. Opaleski, 85, of Westland, died Feb. 16, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Among his survivors are his daughter, Paulette (John) Felan; son, Gil (Bette) Opaleski; sister, Betty Sobczynski; grandchildren, Rebecca Frieseman, Scott Opaleski, Beth Belan, Matthew Opaleski and Craig Hamilton, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

OLIVER, Kathryn Jane

Kathryn Jane Oliver, 83, of Westland, died March 2.

Among her survivors are her children, Michael (Linda) Oliver; Sharon (Lawrence) Woods; Patricia (Charles) Sparks; Patrick (Sharon) Oliver and Mary (Richard) Romano; 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating.

Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

BALLARD, Gillis Sanders

Gillis Sanders Ballard, 87, of Wayne, died Feb. 18.

Among his survivors are his wife, Jewaldene Ballard; daughter, Lottie Starr; son, Danny Ballard; stepsons, John Mink and Darrell Mink; stepdaughters, Diana Tuttle; 17 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Don Justice officiating.

Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

RIGGS, Ovid Manzer

Ovid Manzer Riggs, 94, of Belleville, died Feb. 17.

Mr. Riggs was self-employed prior to his retirement.

Among his survivors is his daughter, Janice Riggs.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with Dr. James Lutz officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

CARVER-KELLER, Sharon Lee

Sharon Lee Carver-Keller, 61, of Westland, died Feb. 17 at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Among her survivors are her husband, Eric, and brothers, Joseph and David.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

REAMES, Matthew Phillip

Matthew Phillip Reames, 17, of Westland died Feb. 18.

Among his survivors are his fiancée, Tiffany Frigo; a daughter, Aurora Mae Reames; his parents Phillip and Pamela Reames; brothers, William and Phillip Reames; sisters, Amanda and Andrea Reames, and his grandfather, Jack Peart, Sr.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Bob McDonald officiating.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

TAFT, Octavene

Octavene Taft, 69, of Westland, died Feb. 16 at Garden City Hospital.

Among her survivors are her husband, Frederick Taft; sons, Charles Norwood and Frederick (Donna) Taft, Jr.; a brother, Kenneth (Mickey) Adkins; a sister, Gardenia "Dee" (Donald) Williamson, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Bob McDonald officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

PRESS, Richard Martin

Richard Martin Press, 74, of Wayne, died March 12.

Among his survivors are his wife, Lois; sons, Mark, Rick, Stephen (Lorri) and Scott (Margaret); sisters, Pauline Toensing and Barbara Stobb; grandsons, Gerhard, Joel, Stephen, Richard and Thomas Press, and granddaughter, Mollie Press.

Mr. Press was formerly an assistant bank vice-president.

Funeral Services were at St. John's Evangelical Church in Westland with the Rev. David Kipfmiller officiating.

Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

LISTMAN, George William

George William Listman, 69, of

Livonia, died March 5 in Livonia.

Among his survivors are his sons, G. Michael (Norma) Listman and Stephen P. Listman; daughters, Paula (James) Listman-Tocco and Carla A. Listman; a brother, Bill Listman; a sister, Shirley (Al) McClellan; nine grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with Father Arthur Mack officiating.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

CARTER, Ja'Len Lemene

The one-day old infant, Ja'Len Lemene Carter, died Feb. 20.

Among his survivors are his parents and grandmother.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with interment at Westlawn Cemetery in Wayne.

LAWLEY, Theo B.

Theo B. Lawley, 70, of Plymouth, died Feb. 27.

Among her survivors are her husband, Edward Lawley; a daughter, Marie (Don) Jones; a son, Kenneth E. (Christine) Lawley, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Fairhaven Baptist Church in Westland with the Rev. Bob McDonald officiating.

Interment was at Mt Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home.

BRIDGES-HOOKS, Angela Rena

Angela Rena Bridges-Hooks, 38, of Westland, died Feb. 23 in Garden City.

Among her survivors are her husband, Florzell, and three sisters.

Funeral services were at God's City of Refuge with the Rev. Reginald Williams officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Underground Injection Control Branch, Region 5, Chicago, is holding a second Public Hearing on the proposed Land Ban Exemption (40 CFR Part 148) for the

EDS Hazardous Waste Injection Well in Romulus, Mich.

The hearing is:

**Monday, April 21, 2003
7-9 p.m.**

**Crowne Plaza Detroit
8000 Merriman Road
Romulus, Mich.**

The comment period, in effect since December 5, 2002, has been extended through May 16, 2003. EPA staff will be available from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. to meet with attendees individually. All comments previously submitted remain part of the official record. Additional comments can be submitted either orally at the hearing or in writing. Comments mailed or e-mailed must be postmarked/dated prior to the deadline of May 16, 2003, and should be sent to:

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Program keeps young offenders close to home

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Staff writer

For area youth, a brush with the law doesn't necessarily mean a trip to Detroit with the recent expansion of the 34th District Court juvenile justice program.

The program has operated in Romulus for several years but, according to Judge Brian Oakley, Belleville and Van Buren, Huron and Sumpter townships have only recently joined.

Oakley recently spoke to students and staff at Romulus High School to explain the juvenile justice program.

"Juveniles who are issued a citation will now have the opportunity to work with the 34th District Court, provided the child and his or her family agree to accept and abide by all assigned probation consequences, instead of going to court in Detroit," he said.

The judge explained that parents often like this agreement because it gives them the chance to help their child locally. The agreement also makes it possible for the court to issue a juvenile a civil infraction with probation instead of a criminal citation.

"First we had to get some local ordinances changed to make this possible," Oakley said. "But the program is a definite success with our families because it offers a local alternative for offenders."

Under the program, young offenders and their parents can work with court Probation Officer Steve Williams. Juveniles who fail to complete the terms of their probation, however, will have their cases converted to a criminal violation, requiring an appearance in a Detroit courtroom.

"The terms of probation may include a review of the child's school report card, with higher grades and better citizenship expected; community service; either suspension or denial of their driver's license; and random drug tests," Williams said.

Oakley recently made Romulus High School his courtroom when he had three juvenile hearings in front of more than 100 students.

"We wanted students to see how this program works, how the judge questions offenders and what the conditions of their probation might be," said Dan Hurst,



Romulus High School students and staff members who observed 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley's presentation on the court juvenile justice program included, from left: Don Foley, assistant principal; Steve Williams, probation officer; Christie Pagel and Michelle Hill, social studies teachers; Tiffany Ramsay and Tanya Formosa, students and Rod Hanna, social studies teacher.

Romulus High School principal.

During the hearings, Oakley interviewed the juvenile offenders, asking them what habits they intended to change, what their

goals for the future were and why it was important that they not repeat the violation.

Since the offenders' parents were present, Oakley also asked

them questions, receiving additional comments about the juvenile's situation and expected improvements in conduct and citizenship.



Glenda Everett, director of the Michigan Yellow Ribbon Program, a teen suicide prevention program, holds a quilt her mother made in memory of her grandson, Jesse, who committed suicide in 1996 at age 14, and other victims of suicide. Photo by Pam Fleming

Suicide

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have distributed more than 4.5 million Yellow Ribbon Program cards and more than 2,500 youths have been saved nationwide, according to the program's Web site, www.yellowribbon.org.

Local program members meet the fourth Monday of the month at 23940 Michigan Ave. just east of Telegraph.

"We talked at a recent meeting about spending more time visiting schools and communities in Wayne County. I said, 'Let's bring the message home and get solid right here,'" Everett said. "Romulus is my starting point."

Randolph Gear, Romulus mayor pro tem, recalled when

one of the students who attended the school where he serves as principal shot himself over a broken relationship. "Suicide is heavy," Gear said.

Council member William Wadsworth said he's always been perplexed by teen suicide.

"It seems different than adult suicide," Wadsworth said. "With kids, so many times you don't know what went wrong"

Hope Buxton, aftercare services coordinator at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home in Dearborn and Taylor, works with the Yellow Ribbon Program. She directs a grief support group called Survivors of Suicide (S.O.S.)

The group meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays at the Michigan Suicide Prevention Program office on Michigan Avenue. Howe-Peterson Funeral Homes assists

the local Yellow Ribbon Program by leasing the building where the program's office is headquartered.

"I usually tell people that suicide is a whole different type of grief than if you lose someone to say a heart attack or cancer. The grieving process is different. We're one of the few groups that can help provide a way to work through this type of grief," Buxton said.

Buxton can be contacted by calling (313) 561-1500 or (313) 291-0900.

Everett said every community should be concerned about preventing teen suicide. "It's the second leading cause of death in Michigan in young people age 15 to 19," she said.

Residents who wish to volunteer for the Yellow Ribbon Program can contact Everett at (313) 561-2456.

Church

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not cover the cost of a new building, so the 30 members are considering a move to an existing site in Westland.

Allison said that the city building code provided a specific amount of time to have any structure deemed unsafe torn down.

Thomas said it would cost about \$100,000 to build a new facility, but only about \$60,000 to purchase an existing church.

Currently, the church is renting a building from Bishop Isaac King Jr. of the Pentecostal Temple Church of God In Christ in Inkster.

Earlene Tye of Inkster has been a member of the Martin Temple for about 10 years.

"I was really distraught when I heard about the fire," she said.

"It was upsetting to think of all the plaques and pictures that were destroyed and all the work we put into the church," Tye said. "But I know God will provide and he must have had a good reason for the fire. You never know what's in store for you."

Thomas said he was amazed to see how quickly the fire took the building.

"I know what the Bible says—that we should count our blessings—but I cried," he said. "We had just put new carpet in upstairs and new doors on the front of the church shortly before the fire."

Those unable to attend the rally April 27 can mail a donation to Martin Temple, 15654 Springhill, Romulus, MI 48174 or contact Thomas at (734) 941-6548.

Coverage

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the day shift and two on the night shift.

City council and fire department administrators praised the current city paid on-call firefighters throughout the meeting.

The department will mesh the full-time firefighters with the paid on-call staff.

"We would never not count on our volunteer firefighters," Kirby said.

"It's been about volunteers all this time," Lambert said. "We need to work on raising the salaries for paid on-call people. We've got to remain competitive in this area."

"The age of the volunteer is kind of going by the wayside,"

said council member William Crova. "We're probably quite fortunate to have a volunteer fire department."

But he added that the addition of eight full-time staff members was long overdue.

"I think this is a big step and we're going in the right direction," Crova said.

"Without the support of our volunteers, none of this would be possible," said council member Debbie Romak.

John Thiede, president of the firefighters union, expressed firefighters' continuing concern about the safety of full-time firefighters since volunteers don't always make it to the scene.

"We're supposed to have four firefighters on each call. But a lot of times we don't," he said. "Volunteers often don't show up for runs."

Allison and Kirby mentioned

that they have discussed the possibility of having paid on-call staff work in the stations.

Of the eight applicants for the new firefighter positions currently being reviewed by the city, Allison said seven are from the paid on-call ranks.

Allison said the departmental vision for the future is to offer training in life support so that eventually the fire department can transport people during medical emergencies.

"Although we can transport people now in an emergency, our ambulance service provides this service to the community. But, we're trying to work in that direction," he said.

"I would ultimately like to have our fire department be able to transport our citizens to medical facilities. But we're not ready to do that now," Lambert said.

More Obituaries

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WILLIAMS, Gwendolyn
Gwendolyn Williams, 62, of Inkster, died Feb. 7.
Among her survivors are her husband, Freddy; her children, and her grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Terry Hister officiating.
Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

MILLER, Helen Marie
Helen Marie Miller, 77, of Inkster, died Feb. 13 at home.
Among her survivors are her husband, Dave Miller; a daughter, Karen Hetzog; a son, Boris Miller; and her grandchildren.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

THOMPSON, Clarice D.
Clarice D. Thompson, 83, of Inkster, died March 1.
Among her survivors are her sister, Ora; a daughter-in-law, Andrea; nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were at Holy Family Church with Father John Lehner officiating.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

STAEB, Matthew Daniel
Matthew Daniel Staeb, 24, of Westland, died March 12.
Among his survivors are his parents, Rene and Peggy Staeb, Jr.; brothers, Scott and Kevin Staeb; maternal grandmother, Marion Jones, and paternal grandparents, Rene and Helen Staeb.
Funeral services were at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Cynthia Stengel officiating.
Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

AHRENBURG, Ellen
Ellen Ahrenberg, 94, of Westland, died March 13 at Garden City Hospital.
Among her survivors are her daughter, Lucille (Glenn) Farmer; sons, William (Marge) Ahrenberg and David (Rebecca) Ahrenberg; a sister, Florence Angove; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. David Steward officiating.
Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne

HARRISON, Grace E.
Grace E. Harrison, 80, of Pinckney, died March 20 at St. Joseph

Mercy Hospital.
Among her survivors are her children, Richard E. (Phyrn) Harrison, Patricia Haberman, and grandchildren, Jill, Kelley, Molly and Adam.
Mrs. Harrison was memorialized in a private family service.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

JONES, Harry M. Sr.
Harry M. Jones, Sr. 57, of Torrance, Cal., died in Lynwood Cal., Feb. 5.
Among his survivors are his former wife, Joyce; his children, Tammy, Harry, Jr. and Juan; eight grandchildren; a sister, and four brothers.
Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph Stephens officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township. California arrangements were by the Harrison Ross Mortuary of Los Angeles.

WINEKOFF, Viola
Vila Winekoff, 86, of Westland, died March 9.
Among her survivors are her children, Patricia Ann (Donald) Newton; Roy T. Winekoff, Nancy Viola (Donald) Martin, Tammie Jannette (Charles) Smith; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. David

Dahlberg and the Rev. David Cox officiating.
Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

SANDERS, Robert V.
Robert V. Sanders, 74, of Wayne died March 9.
Among his survivors are his children, Tony (Sandy), Terry, Mary (Tony) Alfredo, Patricia, Barbara (Harold) Thacker, Nicholas, Christopher; two grandchildren, and six step-grandchildren.
Funeral mass was celebrated at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

LIGHTSEY, Willie L.
Willie L. Lightsey, 80, of Inkster died Feb. 25 at home.
Mr. Lightsey served was awarded the Silver Star for his service in the U.S. Army during World War II.
Among his survivors are his wife of 56 years, Wilhelmina; a brother, Clifton; sisters, Hazel, Betty and Lora Lee; his children, Calvin, Norman, Ramon, Verdis and Anita; 12 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.
Funeral Services were at Middlebelt Baptist Church with the Rev. C.E. Martin officiating.
Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

BREEDLOVE, Martha Ann
Martha Ann Breedlove, 44, of Inkster, died Feb. 28 at home.
Among her survivors are her grandmothers; her mother, Earline; her husband, Samuel; her children, Tammy, Andrew, Juanita, Shendale, Carl, Martha, Samuel, Jeffrey and Gloria, and four sisters.
Funeral services were at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Virgil Humes officiating.
Interment was at Union Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wis.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

CHRISTIAN, Annie Deloise
Annie Deloise Christian, 62, of Inkster died Feb. 28 in Ann Arbor.
Mrs. Christian was a 15-year employee of the State of Michigan Mental Health Department.
Among her survivors are her husband, James; daughters, Venus, Janquil, Bonnie, Sherra and Kimberly; a brother, John, and four sisters.
Funeral services were at Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church of Romulus with the Rev. Arthur Willis officiating.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2003

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Elg, Environmental Director Swallow, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of fourteen (14).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of March 3, 2003, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 3, 2003, as presented. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2003, as amended. Corrections for typographical errors and specifically under "Public Hearing" page two, paragraph two, remove the duplication of "Water and Sewer Millage". Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King read a press release regarding the Department of Public Safety Animal Control Division.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-09 the 34th District Court Community Work Program. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the endorsement and conditional acceptance of the Rouge River Watershed Local Management Assembly Memorandum of Agreement and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to approve the appointment of Environmental Director Swallow as the Charter Township of Van Buren representative and Water and Sewer Director Duha as the alternate representative to the Rouge River Watershed Local Management Assembly. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-10 establishing a Fee Schedule for Geographical Information System (GIS) products. Carried.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-11 supporting a more inclusive definition of "waters of the United States" that are protected under the Clean Water Act. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the reappointments of Harlan Davenport and Norm Kent to the Construction Code of Appeals Board and to reappoint G. Frank Bellomo as an alternate with terms to expire February 28, 2006. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the renewal of the contract with Michigan Lawn Management for the 2003 mowing season and all related services in the amount of \$76,151 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the following: that the township keep \$14,000 in a separate account/fund for the purpose of providing treatment to animals

that come in contact with the township based upon the evaluation of the animal control officers and as approved by the Director of Public Safety; a not to exceed amount of \$3,018.41 be allocated to cover the medical expenses for the two dogs recently injured due to a car accident and house fire as recommended by the [Animal Control Endowment] Committee; the remaining funds of \$30,400 be divided equally at \$7,600 per group among the four rescue groups, specifically the Doberman Pinscher Rescue/Referral, the Backdoor Friends Purebred Cat Rescue, the Vizsla Club of America Breed Rescue and the Buster Foundation, all of whom were recommended by the Committee; asking each group to sign the Animal Endowment Fund Donation form; and the disbanding of the Animal Control Department Endowment Committee. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Budd, Hart, Rochowiak and King. Nays: Herman and Jahr. Absent and excused: None. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve a Public Safety Millage renewal informational mailing in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to be expensed from Township Board line item "Other". Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the March 18, 2003 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the 2002 Environmental Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Special Public Safety Millage Renewal Election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2003.

The Drive-In Dog Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Water and Sewer building located behind township hall. Contact the Treasurer's Office at 734.699.8903 for additional information.

The quilt exhibit on display at the Belleville Area Museum will run through the end of March.

The last day to register for the Special Public Safety Millage Renewal Election is Monday, April 7, 2003. Absentee voter ballot applications will be mailed to voters who are 60 years of age and older.

The annual cemetery cleaning will begin on March 31, 2003 and will run through April 12, 2003 at the four township cemeteries. New items may be displayed beginning April 13, 2003. The four township cemeteries are Tyler, Otisville, Denton and Soop. For further information contact the DPW Leader, Dan Smith at 734.699.8921 extension 228.

The Recreation Department announced the following events: A Frankenmuth Family Fun Tour on Saturday, April 5, 2003. The annual Marshmallow Drop will be held on Saturday, April 12th, at 10:00 a.m. The rainout date is Sunday, April 13th at 1:30 p.m. The cost is one dollar per child. All Summer Camp programs are full. For further information about events or programs contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

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Belleville budgets for city building upgrades

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Access to Belleville City Hall and two other key public buildings should be easier following a trio of spring projects that will bring city buildings into compliance with federal disabilities laws.

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Construction could begin by June 2.

Council members earmarked \$47,200 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds earlier this year for the project, with the project balance to come from other CDBG money available to the city.

Plans for city hall include an update to the restrooms and a new ramp to the front door for barrier-free access. Stairs now found just inside the front doors will be removed.

Similar renovations will occur at the Belleville fire station, accompanied by a new handicapped-parking space and curb cuts to allow wheelchair access to the sidewalk.

Architect Anita Toews, of the Ann Arbor-based firm Architects Design Group, said the work would cost about \$68,000 at city hall and \$20,000 at the fire station.

The city will also make changes to the DPW building not required by the ADA, adding a shower and locker room, and a room for breaks and meetings. Work at the DPW building would cost about \$52,000, according to Toews.

DPW Director Keith Boc said the renovations would facilitate expansions at the department. He said DPW workers are excited, as there is nowhere in the build-

ing for them to eat lunch.

Not all of the required ADA upgrades are scheduled at this time for city hall. City Manager Steve Walters said the cost of an elevator was estimated at \$201,000, requiring nearly three years of the total CDBG programming available to the city. He said the elevator might require additional funding.

Walters said the city awaits approval from Wayne County to obligate one or two future years of CDBG funding toward the project. He said the city is not yet authorized to spend the \$47,200 recently approved for the 2003-04 year. The county might enter a construction contract prior to the authorization, he said. If needed, the city could loan the project \$46,800, which would be repaid in July 2004 when funding for that year becomes available.

In all, the city could obtain as much as \$180,600 in CDBG funds for the project, including money from the current and next financial quarters. Any leftover funding would roll over into programming for next year, according to Walters.

He said the city will bid out the projects as a single contract beginning April 14, with bids due at the May 5 city council meeting.

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION FOR BID

The Romulus Housing Commission will receive sealed bids April 9, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. in the office of the Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan, to provide lawn maintenance for 101 dwelling units of public housing, including the Commission administration office site. All sites are located in the City of Romulus, Michigan.

Bid documents can be obtained at the Housing Commission office. If more information is needed please call at area code (734)729-5389.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, May 5, 2003 at 6:30 p.m., in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan for the purpose of discussing the Proposed Budget. The Proposed Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

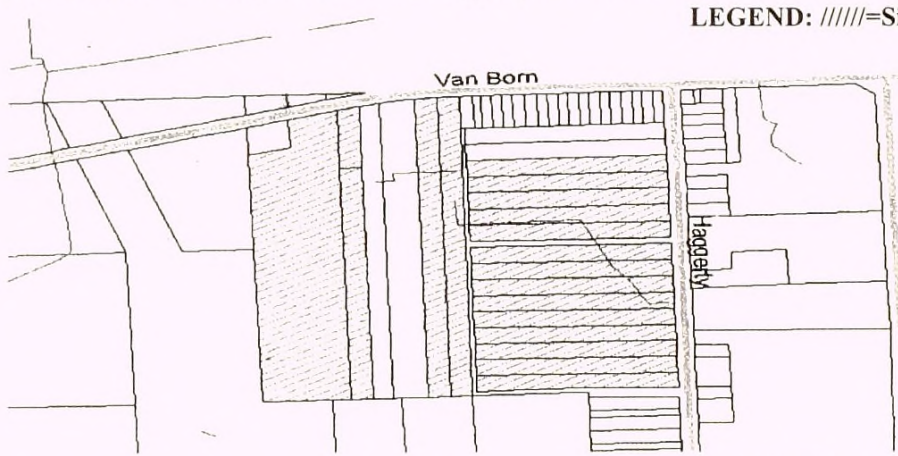
Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday April 9, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel number

V125-83-005-01-0021-300	V125-83-005-01-0023-000	V125-83-005-01-0024-000
V125-83-005-01-0025-000	V125-83-005-01-0027-000	V125-83-005-01-0028-000
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All property listed above within 600" of Haggerty Road Right of Way to be rezoned M-1 (Light Industrial) and the balance of property to be rezoned M-T (Industrial Transportation) from R-1B(Single Family Residential). This property is located on Van Born Rd., between Haggerty and Morton Taylor.

LEGEND: /////=Site



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 19, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2003 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches 12 inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land, and the city shall have a lien against such Land for such expense, Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 per cutting in the discretion of the court.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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Rainy season

Teacher turns classroom into tropical rainforest each year

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

A dense forest of green paper leaves and the sounds of jungle birds gently surround students as they enter Steve Hudock's classroom at North Middle School in Van Buren Township.

Hudock is in his third year of devoting nearly six weeks of classroom time to teaching sixth graders about the rainforests of the world. He said the theme is one that allows him to teach his students English, world geography and research skills at this time every year.

"I do it in March to beat the winter doldrums," Hudock said. "I think it gets them very excited and it's exciting for me as well to see them fired up about learning."

Hudock said he builds the classroom rainforest - this year, with help from parents - while his students are away on winter break. Before the break begins, students make paper leaves that Hudock hangs from the ceiling. He said he has saved them from past years and now has 1,500 leaves to create a thick forest canopy. Trees spring up from upright rolls of carpet covered with brown construction paper.

Students earn extra credit for making papier-mâché animals such as the snake, lemur and ocelot that hide in the trees and swing from the paper vines.

Hudock said that, as a theme, the rainforest is perfect for organizing the different parts of his yearly curriculum.

As part of their geography lessons, students learn about countries and world regions where rainforests exist. They also boost their research and language skills, he said, as they learn how to find information about the rainforests, apply textual reading skills and practice persuasive writing through letters expressing their opinions about the importance of rainforests.

Students also learn to read poetry and write their own about the rainforests, which they read at a special benefit scheduled for 7 p.m. this evening in Hudock's classroom. The event also helps students with efforts to fund the purchase of a tree, which they will plant in the schoolyard at the end of the year to commemorate the program and vanishing rainforests around the world.

"I try to teach with a sense of authenticity and a sense of experience," Hudock said. "The element of doing the program for a



purpose (planting the tree) does this."

Other rainforests assignments include role-playing, where each student is assigned a role and gathers information about the rainforests. Students then have a debate as world leaders, botanists, scientists and native peoples who live in the rainforests.

Hudock said the program culminates with the gradual deforestation of the classroom.

Students come to class over a four-day period to find that the rainforest is slowly disappearing. Students are not allowed to use the space in the classroom where the forest has disappeared. By the end of four days, the students are crowded into a small corner of the room.

Hudock said this represents the conditions animals and native peoples endure as the

rainforests disappear. Students are asked to keep a journal about the experience and how seeing the rainforest disappear affects them.

"I think the kids are awestruck when they first see the classroom," Hudock said. "I think they really get into it as it provides a different atmosphere. By the time it's deforested it has created a sense of belonging - that it belongs to them. It evokes an emotional effect when it's deforested."

Hudock said he came up with the idea for the thematic lessons on the rainforests while taking education classes for his master's degree. He said his study group came up with the idea and he wanted to try it out in his classroom. The students loved it, Hudock said. When students return to their regular curriculum they are able to reinforce the

same skills they learned while studying the rainforests, Hudock said.

Students say they have learned a lot so far about the rainforests.

"I learned that 50 percent of the world's animals live in the rainforest," said Krisha Rafols.

"Many products we use every day come from the rainforests, like medicines and flavors," said Tiffany Murphy.

The public is invited to hear Hudock's students recite their poetry from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight in room 120 of North Middle School. Light tropical refreshments will be provided. The students are asking for donations toward the cost of the memorial tree. The school is located at 47097 McBride Street in Van Buren Township. For more information call the school at (734) 697-9171.

Friends of Romulus Library

plan 'overstocked' book sale

The Romulus Public Library is bursting with books.

So the Friends of the Library have organized a Used Book Sale April 7, 8, 9, with the popular Bag Day April 12.

On Bag Day, visitors to the library can purchase an entire paper grocery bag full of books for only \$1.50.

Selections include fiction and nonfiction, with many books available on crafts, cooking gardening and animals.

Children's books will cost 25 cents; paperback books will cost 50 cents; hard-

cover books will cost \$1.

"We have tons of books," said librarian Michele Rinehart. "We never get rid of the ones from past sales, plus our recently retired director, Diane Hazen, eliminated some before she left. She weeded our collections."

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 S. Wayne Road next to city hall.

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OPINION

Parents, teachers should bridge Gulf knowledge

The war in Iraq has raised grave concerns for virtually every American. Many of us worry about friends, family members and other loved ones serving our country overseas. Others are also concerned about the long-term political, social and economic fallout of the campaign. It has also raised the issue of how much and what type of information to share with students in our schools.

School districts in western Wayne County have taken different approaches to this, but all are similar in that the actions they take depend on the age of the students involved.

Obviously, this is the best way to handle the situation although it occasionally gives rise to some sticky situations.

Elementary school teachers are all but forbidden to discuss the topic with their students. The idea behind it is a good one – at that age parents should make the final decisions about how much information to share and how best to put the current events in perspective. It makes sense to keep the televisions in elementary school classroom quiet or a part of the regular curriculum. Younger children can be anxious at that age, and the semblance of life as usual will only help foster the educational experience and provide a sense of safety.

Even at that age, however, the teachers should be able to answer some questions posed by students. Children are naturally inquisitive and often turn to their teachers to explain things that their parents cannot or will not. In many cases teachers will have to be creative in answering these questions, but they shouldn't be hobbled in the answers they can provide. They are experienced enough to walk that line.

Take, for example, a third grader who asks his teacher where Iraq is located. The teacher decides that he can answer that question, and points out the country on a map of the world. The next question is only natural: How can a country that small cause so much trouble? The teacher pauses, and responds: Well, we're not supposed to talk about this, but let me tell you about other small countries that have caused problems in the past...

At the high school level, the line becomes a little less defined. High schoolers, for the most part, are a mature group, capable of handling the more intense details of violence. Even so, districts have taken a different approach. In Plymouth-Canton, Superintendent of Schools James Ryan drew a lot of ink because of his desire to turn off all classroom televisions. That's been a point of debate, particularly among teachers of the class formerly known as Close-Up, which concentrates on current government topics.

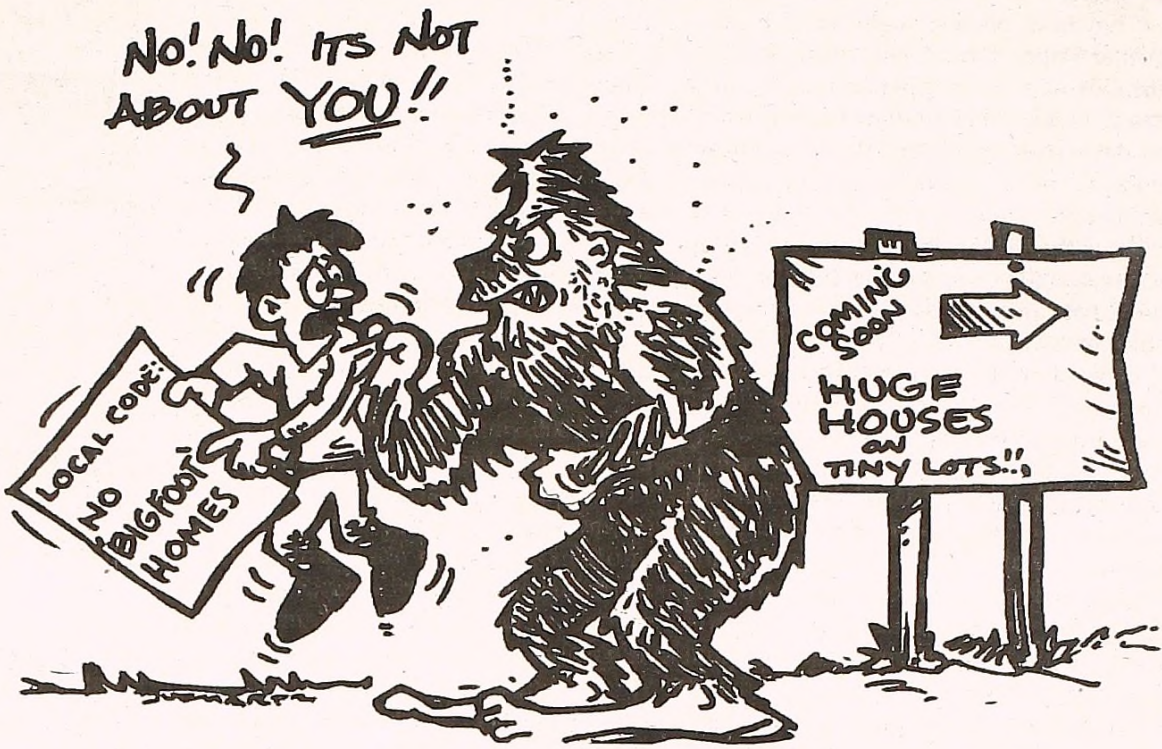
It's unlikely that Ryan wanted a ban on all coverage of the war in the high schools. It's more likely that he's responding to the situation that arose after Sept. 11, 2001, when many students watched television in all of their classrooms, for more than five hours a day.

Let's face it. There's no real reason for that. Although stations like CNN and MSNBC provide coverage of the event virtually every minute of the day, much of it is the same information, repeated through another perspective, another pundit or analyst. It's repetitive, and there are other lessons that need to be learned.

If it is Ryan's intent to be more nuanced with the policy, however, he should make that more clear. Many teachers say they've received mixed signals about the actual policy of the district.

In Northville and Wayne-Westland, the administration has been clearer in their desires: if it fits in with the curriculum, teachers are free to discuss it as much as they like.

Again, the point of the policies is probably to protect the students and ensure that their lives continue as normally as possible. The role of the school district, after all, is to provide as complete an education as possible. We are fortunate to live in a place where we can minimize the effects of war on our young people, and we are fortunate to have so many willing to fight to ensure that sense of safety and peace.



Towering inferno of Babel

I would never make a good politician. I don't have the patience for it.

I realized it again Monday night when I sat in a Westland City Council study session about a proposed cellular tower that a communications firm wanted to place at the corner of Wayne Road and Avondale.

To me it seemed a black and white issue. It's too close to a residential neighborhood. There's too many of these things around and they are ugly. I figured it would be shot down before I even got my pen out of my pocket.

The spot they picked, on the property of the Town & Country Bowling Alley, was indeed too close to a residential neighborhood, and the applicant, planning department, city administration and city council members all knew it. They said so.

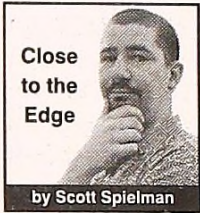
Then came the song and dance. Keith Davidow, a consultant for T-Mobile, the firm that wanted the tower, said that it wasn't the first place they picked. They approached the VFW Hall and the YMCA,

both of which would serve the firm and have less impact on the neighborhoods that exist behind the commercial portion of Wayne Road.

Neither property owner was interested, though. The YMCA, a registered 501(c)3, understandably has to be concerned about the implications that a steady revenue stream has on their tax exempt status.

Davidow also said the tower wouldn't be the type of facility that visually sears the landscape elsewhere; it wouldn't have the antennae-spiked triangular platform that looks like a reject from a Star Wars set. Using terms like "stealth application" he said the tower would be a gigantic flagpole, 80 feet tall, and blend in with the theme of other flagpoles along Wayne Road. How patriotic.

I don't really care what it looks like. A cellular tower is still a cellular tower. It would take more



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman

See Tower, page 8

More annoyed than shocked

It started slowly. It soon filled the air. Then, dropping with an intense frequency, people begged it to stop. I refer, of course, to "shock and awe." The phrase, not the phenomenon.

The broadcast media lemmings were out in full force last week when the attack on Iraq began. Perhaps we notice it more because of the wall-to-wall war coverage, but broadcasters always seem to glom onto something with a death grip, don't they?

Sometimes, there is a transition from commercial to cultural, like the phrase, "Where's the beef?" Others are strictly commercial, like the snazzy Canadian Olympic team berets. And let us not forget the purely cultural classic, "D'oh!"

Until the start last week of Saddam's Farewell Tour, the phrase "shock and awe" was usually mentioned in conjunction with motorists' reactions to gas price hikes. I am not certain, but I think it may also be a small town in Indiana where people go to buy Amish knickknacks.

Now, thanks to our information-disseminating friends at AOLTimeWarnerABCBSNBCNNFoxNews, "shock and awe" has a new meaning. It officially refers to a campaign of allied firepower designed to make the skies over Baghdad look like the grand finale of a Fourth of July fireworks display. Unofficially, thanks to gross overuse, it is the stupor caused by hearing every blow-dried, gas mask toting television talking head on the planet incessantly use the phrase, "shock and awe."

Not that it bothers me.

I find a couple of things interesting about the current media use of the phrase. The first is, in the war's opening stages, the whole "shock and awe"

scenario seemed like nothing more than a defense department shuck-and-jive propaganda move. Some of the correspondents actually sounded disappointed that they might not get to see the big show.

I also found it interesting that my media cousins speak of it as if there was never such a terrifying display in wartime. I do not think that anyone who witnessed the bombing of London in World War II would agree. Nor would people like my dad, whose plane was attacked more than once by Zeros and anti-aircraft fire in the skies over Japan. In fact, I do not think that any American soldier who endured a live fire fight or watched the carpet bombing and napalm drops in Vietnam would agree with the talking heads on that point.

The pictures we see on the television, no matter how spectacular, will never show us the reality of war. We will not see the innocent lives lost. Unlike Vietnam, most of us will not know soldiers who died. The current war, to most of us, is nothing more than a show on television, trivialized by the broadcasters who yearn to be modern-day Edward R. Murrows.

This war is real to the soldiers. It is real to the noncombatants living in the war zone. It is real to President Bush, in whose hand rests decisions that save life and hasten death.

Those people are experiencing the shock and awe associated with war. And they do not need a catchy phrase to help them convey an image. Then again, they are not using the war to sell newscasts or enhance careers.



Hold the Phone
by Russ Franzen

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Misplaced aggression



Stop, sit read
by Jerri Mach

Some of my neighbors are barking up the wrong tree.

They have been soundly criticizing the Inkster Police Department regarding the number of stray dogs roaming our city streets. While I can understand my fellow residents' concern, I don't think the police officers are the ones behaving inappropriately, here.

All of the responsibility in this situation belongs with several other Inkster residents, specifically those who are irresponsible pet owners.

More often than I care to recall, I have witnessed dogs of all sizes and breeds wandering our city streets. The majority of these dogs were wearing collars, which leads me to believe that they are not strays but instead a "beloved" pet that escaped unnoticed.

Last fall I was faced with a classic example. As I was preparing to leave for work, I noticed a bouncy yellow lab running around. Being an animal lover and concerned that the reckless pooch could end up road kill on Cherry Hill Road, I stepped outside in an attempt to capture the wanderer. As the dog was pretty typical of his kind, the first thing this guy did was run over to me and try to entice me to play. At my first inspection of the dog, I was encouraged to see he was wearing a collar. Upon further inspection, however, I discovered the collar had no tag, so even though the dog was now safe in my yard, I had no way to return him to his home. I was forced to call the Inkster Animal Control Officer.

While waiting for the officer to arrive, I stood out back with the dog to make sure that he did not attempt to run away again. Then I noticed a van driving slowly down the street and I heard a young boy calling

for his dog. And, sure enough, my new-found friend became very excited. Holding him by his collar, I walked him to the front yard. The owner never got out of the car; she simply opened her van door and told me to let the dog go. Foolishly trusting her, I did as she asked and the bouncy dog galloped down the sidewalk away from the van! Thankfully the boy in the van with her eventually regained control of his dog.

Shortly after the family left, I saw the animal control officer driving through the neighborhood. It had only been about 20 minutes since I had phoned and was informed that he was already out on a run and be with me as soon as he could.

That situation is a classic example of people not taking proper care of their pets. So many times these "strays" are simply dogs that have not been properly trained so they bolt out an open front door. Or they are pets whose owners refuse to do whatever it takes to keep their fence jumper in the yard.

I don't understand how these owners can not notice when their pet is missing. I do understand if it is simply that they don't care. They grow comfortable with the excuse of "he does this all the time and he always comes home."

In the end I feel truly sorry for the dogs whose owners share this philosophy. Sure the dog came home last time but what happens when a car hits him or when a resident actually does call the police? It is the dog that suffers.

Realistically, we should all be far more patient with the dogs and the Inkster Police Department—and far less tolerant of our irresponsible neighbors who have created this situation.

LETTERS

Senator applauds governor's priorities

To the editor;

I would like to applaud Gov. Granholm for making education her top priority. Granholm's budget preserves the \$6,700 per pupil state funding grant and keeps funding for at-risk programs. Too often when cuts have to be made, the students who need more attention lose out because at-risk programs are an additional cost to the per-pupil funding. In the long run, however, cutting at-risk programs causes

more problems for society and costs far more than funding the programs.

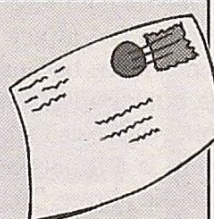
Thank you Gov. Granholm for understanding that the best way to secure a long term prosperous Michigan is by investing in our children and their education. Thank you also for showing that at-risk students, average students and advantaged students are all equally important in this one Michigan.

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State Senator, 8th District

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Tower - City ordinance seems pretty clear

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than a few plants to offset the appearance of the tower at its base, which would be a steel circle about 4 feet in diameter.

Davidow said the firm tried to use other locations where towers already exist, but they didn't work out for the T-Mobile. A new tower was their only viable option, he said, if they wanted to fill in some coverage gaps and provide better service to residents.

Ultimately, the city council members asked for more information to see if they could come up with some other sites for the gigantic flagpole tower. They didn't say what I thought they should have said, which is: this site won't work. The tower

won't fit in with the ordinance, have a nice day. I've got another solution for people who claim they lose their signal when they drive along Wayne Road: Don't talk on the phone when you're driving.

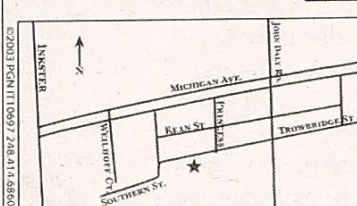
I understand the council wants to work with businesses and avoid the lawsuits that could come with an inflexible policy. But if you have an ordinance that spells out items like setbacks and separation of uses and you don't follow it to the letter, aren't you leaving yourself open to lawsuits from the one firm that feels like it isn't treated in the same manner as the rest? It seems like if you make concessions to one, you have to make them for all applicants, and the ordinance isn't worth the time that went into it.

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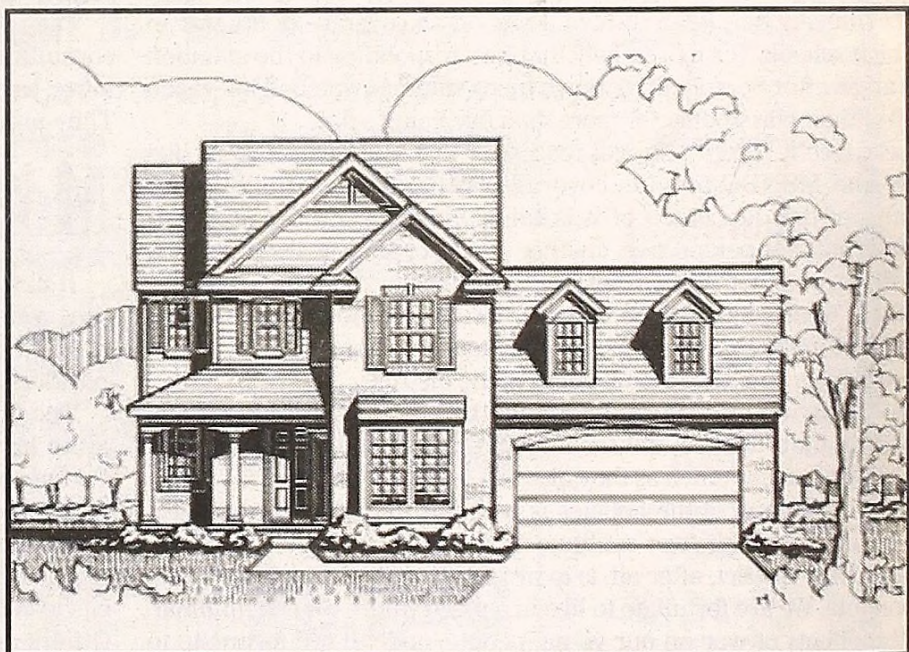
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Brenda Brazynetz has announced the engagement of her daughter, Carey Marie Brazynetz, to William McNeil Garland. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Romulus High School. The future groom is the son of Irene Garland. He, too, is a graduate of Romulus High School. The couple became engaged to marry during the summer of 2002 and are planning a June wedding.

Wayne OK's new donut shop, ice cream store

Scott Spielman
Editor

Downtown Wayne may be sweetened up soon. Members of the Wayne City Council approved the site plan for a proposed donut and ice cream shop on Michigan Avenue last week.

The project will be located just east of Elizabeth Street, where salesmen once sold cars out of a now-dilapidated shack on Michigan Avenue. City Planner Matt Miller said developer Al Badram plans to demolish that and construct a 2,700 square foot restaurant with a drive through window.

Originally, proposed to house a joint Dunkin Donuts and Baskin Robbins ice cream shop, it may be home to a different chain of donut or ice cream shop, according to Badram.

"I am still pushing for them," he told the city council. "Their concern is the side of the road. They want it on the other side."

The project will go forward, even if Baskin Robbins and Dunkin Donuts are not a part of it, he said. He said he's also approached Dairy Queen and Winchell's Donuts to fill the space, if the first two firms fall through.

City Councilman Don Hartford said that might be a mistake, however. He said the city already had a Dairy Queen, a long-time location on Wayne Road just blocks from the pro-

"We owe it to our long-time businesses not to site two identical uses so close to each other."

Don Hartford

posed site for the new shop.

"We owe it to our long-time businesses not to site two identical uses so close to each other," he said.

Mayor Al Haidous said the city couldn't determine what types of firms compete within city limits. He said the market would ultimately decide what type of ice cream or donut shop filled the new building.

"Competition is what makes this country great."

City attorney Dick Clark reminded the council that the issue was simple a site plan approval. That included the type of use that will ultimately be housed there, but not which franchise. It's similar to the gas station Badram's company is developing at the intersection of Elizabeth and east bound Michigan Avenue, he said.

The vote was ultimately unanimous in favor of the project. Badram said he was grateful for the approval, even though he disagreed with the brief attempt to control which franchise leases the space.

"I've never heard of that," he said. "Next time I'll make sure I don't put the brand name on any plans."

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Words of warning

Federal ruling may threaten wetlands definition, protection

Pam Fleming
Staff Writer

Dan Swallow believes Americans need to take a stand to protect their waterways and wetlands. As the environmental director for Van Buren Township, he's concerned about a recent court ruling that could jeopardize an important federal protection.

The township board of trustees approved a resolution last week supporting Swallow's efforts to maintain protection of all waters under the federal Clean Water Act.

At the federal level there are two agencies—the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Corps of Engineers—that protect waters.

"But now they're both involved with possibly changing the definition of waters of the United States," Swallow said.

The issue is centered on a January 2001 ruling in which the Supreme Court removed federal jurisdiction over a single wetland in a case involving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) in Illinois.

"They sued the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, saying they did not have jurisdiction over some isolated wetlands and won," Swallow said.

Claiming that the court has an obligation to act on this ruling, the corps of engineers and the EPA recently issued an "Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making."

"We are saying that the court does not have to redefine the Clean Water Act just because of one case," he said.

The EPA is currently requesting public input on how "waters of the United States" shall be defined in the Clean Water Act.

Swallow said the public is invited to comment on the issue until April 16, 2003, by contacting the EPA at www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/swanccnav.html.

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Comments may be submitted electronically to CWAwaters@epa.gov or by mail to Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode 4101T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, D.C., 20460, Attention Docket ID No. OW-2002-0050.

For more information, call the EPA Wetlands Hotline at 1-800-832-7828.

John Millett, a spokesperson for the EPA in Washington, D.C., said that the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making basically asks two questions.

"Should EPA do a regulation to define waters of the U.S. in response to the Supreme Court ruling? And if it should, how," Millett said.

"There's been some misunderstanding, because not many folks are familiar with the details of how regulations get made," he said. "This is just advance notice of a proposed rule making. Some wind up as regulations and some don't. It's an information gathering tool at this stage," he said.

"The issue at hand is the Clean Water Act's long-standing and fundamental protection of "non-navigable tributaries of navigable waters" according to Swallow.

These tributaries include streams, man-made waterways connecting these streams as well as wetlands next to these waters.

Swallow added that Michigan law, as with most states, is limited in the protection of such waters because it relies on the strength of the Clean Water Act.

"Under this proposal, the court would eliminate protection of some of the smaller, isolated bodies of water and wetlands," Swallow said.

"The reason's that's significant is that the Clean Water Act protects waters of the United States. So, if they change the definition, it changes the protection," Swallow said.

Swallow noted other communities are looking at adopting a similar resolution against changing the definition in the act.

The Huron River Watershed Council has also been working with communities in the area on the issue, according the Swallow.

The state does protect wetlands down to 5 acres and larger under Public Act 451, Swallow said. The concern is about wetlands under 5 acres.

"The concern is that without the federal rules, the state may lessen its protection over these smaller bodies of water and wetlands," Swallow said.

"One reason we have state protection of these waterways and wetlands is because it's federally mandated. The fear is that if we removed federal protection, the state's ability to protect these areas may come into question," Swallow said.

"Any changes in the rules that allow protected natural watercourses to be affected translate into less control by the local unit of government," said Bryce Kelley, township planning director.

"When those safeguards are relaxed or go away, local governments are rarely in a place to write regulations to overcome that loss. Plus, it takes additional funding to try to get such regulations passed, and the township has not done this in the past," Kelley said.

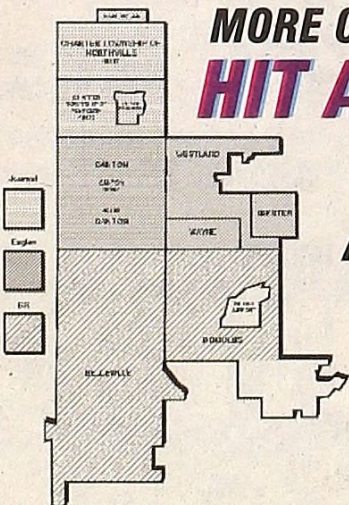
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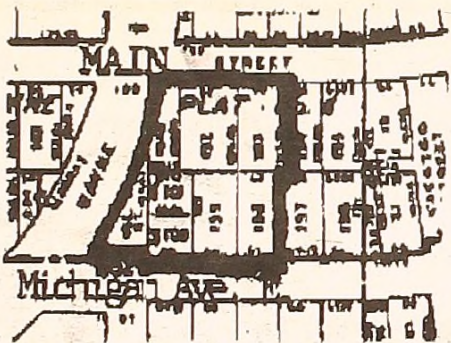
Director retires

Diane Hazen, former director of the Romulus Public Library, was incorrectly identified in a photo caption on page 3 of the March 13 edition of *The Romulus Roman*. She is pictured on the left.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the City of Wayne will hold a public hearing on April 8, 2003 at 8:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider an application-petition with a development plan to rezone certain property located at the northeast corner of Michigan Ave. E. and S. Wayne Rd. (1.106 acre), Tax I.D. #55-018-01-0191-301, from B-4 (Business Intensive) to PDD (Planned Development District).

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission may make a recommendation to the City of Wayne City Council for its consideration.
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Peter J. McInerney
Community Development Director

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Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Community Services will be conducting its annual spring-cleaning at all township cemeteries.

Spring-cleaning will begin March 31, 2003, and run through April 12, 2003

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Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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Lightning strike interrupts Northville meeting

Scott Spielman
Editor

At first, members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees thought they came under fire Thursday night, when the normally quiet board meeting was interrupted by three sharp, staccato explosions.

The trustees – and many in the audience – jumped at the sound, caused by an errant bolt of lightning during the electrical storm that rolled through the Detroit metro area last Thursday. Lightning struck the communications tower at township hall, blew out circuits, crashed computers and wiped out the phone system, according to Township Manager Chip Snider.

The sharp explosive sound came from one of the outlets in the meeting room, where the excessive electricity from the lightning poured out. Trustee Brad Werner, who faces the side of the wall where the small explosion occurred, said he saw a spark about a foot in diameter leap from the scorched outlet.

The aftermath of the strike provided some levity for the trustees, developers and audience members, too.

"It was pretty big," Werner said. "We didn't know what it was at first."

As it turned out, the township was in a good position to deal with the aftermath of the lightning strike. Township Fire Department Sgt. Guy Balok and fire Chief Bill Zhmendak were in the audience, awaiting the outcome of a proposal to purchase a new ambulance. They quickly grabbed a thermal imaging camera – a high-tech device that can find hot spots in walls, ceilings and lights – and determined that there was no fire cooking behind the wall of the hall.

The dispatch operation, momentarily fried during the strike, was transferred to the City of Northville and two officers were dispatched there, according to

Snider.

"We have a plan in place for when something like this happens," he said. "It worked well."

The regular phone system at township hall was the biggest casualty. Phone technicians were on hand early Friday morning, but still hadn't returned the service until late in the day Monday. In the meantime, Northville officials relied on their cell phones.

"We dealt with it as well as we could, but our phone systems were fried," Snider said.

The aftermath of the strike provided some levity for the trustees, developers and audience members, too.

"There aren't too many things that can get this board to jump in unison," Township Supervisor Mark Abbo joked after the tension dissipated. "Last month it was (Police) Chief John Werth."

Federal funds sought to repair aging Newburgh Road bridge

City of Wayne officials took another step last week in efforts to secure federal funding to help pay for the reconstruction of the Newburgh Road bridge.

The bridge, between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue, is more than 50 years old and showing signs of age, according to City Engineer Ramzi El-Gharib. An inspection of it last year found a crack in it, and since then the city has lowered the maximum weight allowed on the structure, and put up signs prohibiting large trucks from crossing it.

The city recently had to lower the weight limit again, down to 5 tons, he said.

The city will apply for funding under the Critical Bridge Program, a federal funding mechanism, according to City Manager John Zech. The city applied for funding last year, but was not successful.

"The goal is to replace it with a new, two-lane bridge," he said. "We're not going to widen it." City officials briefly considered widening the bridge to allow for future expansion on the road. The City of

The city recently had to lower the weight limit again, down to 5 tons.

Westland will widen Newburgh Road to four lanes south to Palmer in the coming construction cycle.

"One the bridge is replaced, the goal is to remove the weight restrictions," Zech said. "We want to truck traffic to be able to use the road again."

A representative from a trucking firm asked the city council last week if there was a set timeline to replace the bridge. City Attorney Dick Clark said the city couldn't afford to do the project independently.

"The first step is to get funding in place," he said.

If the city receives funding from the Critical Bridge Program, the bridge would be reconstructed in the 2004 construction cycle.

Wayne rejects league plan

Officials in the City of Wayne decided not to sign on to the latest endeavor sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League (MML).

The MML is a sort of lobbying group that represents 540 municipalities in the state. The organization recently initiated a project entitled Enhancing Local Government (ELG), which is designed to provide education to elected officials, according to Wayne City Manager John Zech.

"The purpose of the project is to provide information to elected officials that will help them do their jobs better," he said.

The ELG project would be a \$1.4 million campaign to gather resources for local elected officials to use, according to George Goodman, executive director of the MML Foundation. Topics would include risk management, economic development, infrastructure, ethics, municipal

finance and the roles and responsibilities of elected officials, he said.

He said he's asking municipalities to buy into the program.

That was the main problem Wayne officials had with it, however. As recently as last month, council members debated the continuation of memberships in state lobbying groups as they looked at ways to cut costs from the city budget.

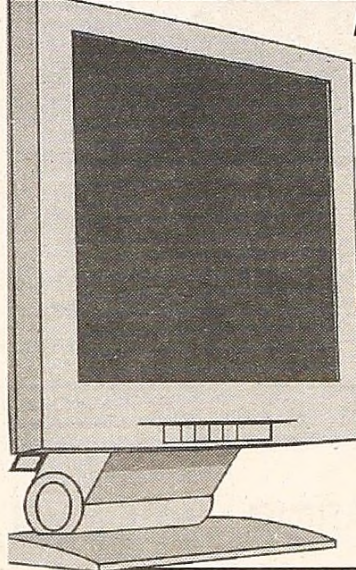
"It's come to all municipalities in Michigan at an awkward time," Zech said. "Funding is tight."

Goodman suggested the ELG project would be worth \$400 per elected official, and asked communities to contribute that much, but offered smaller communities a choice to contribute a portion of it.

Zech said the idea behind the project was a sound one, even if the timing was lousy.

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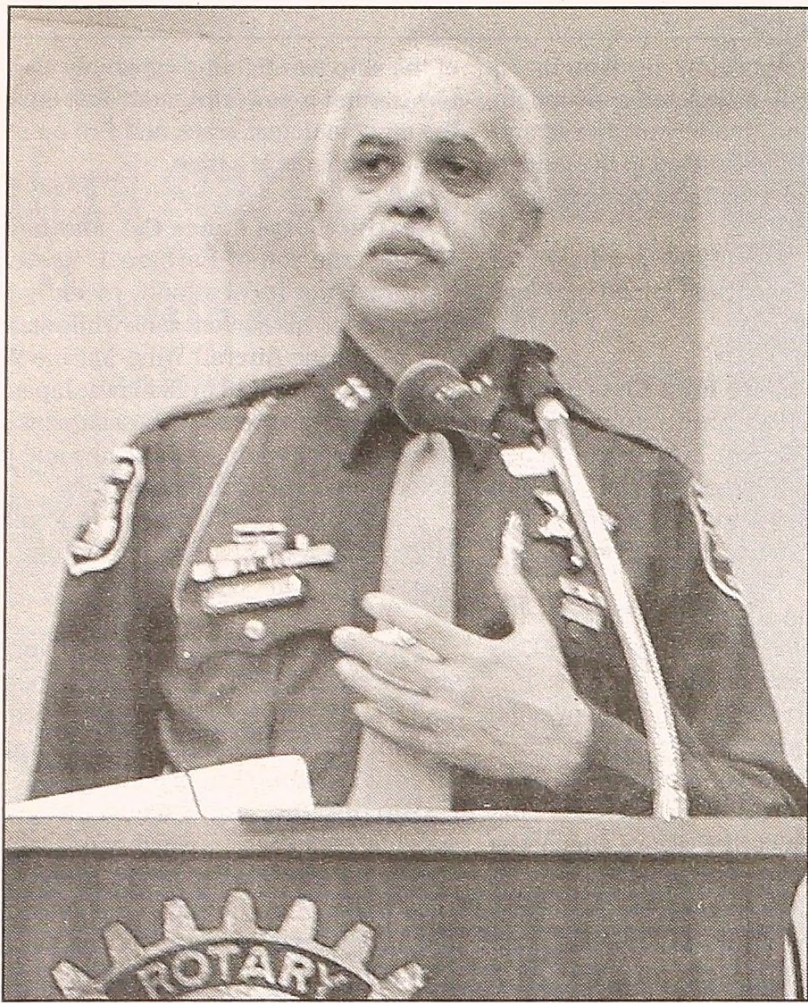
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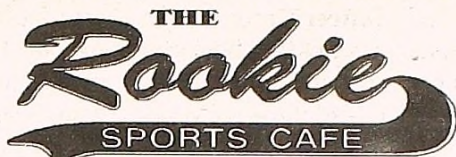
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Top cop

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans spoke to members of the Plymouth afternoon Rotary Club last week, outlining the new approach his department is taking to law enforcement in the area. Evans noted that the sheriff's department is no longer the enforcement agency at Detroit Metro Airport, but that a private security force with similar uniforms is now patrolling there. The sheriff also stressed his determination to build partnerships with local law enforcement agencies to provide better service to the entire community. He told the club members that he wants partnerships rather than rivalries for jurisdiction on local roads. Other priorities he stressed were the collection of past due child support, at which he reported success, and the efforts to protect children from internet pedophiles.

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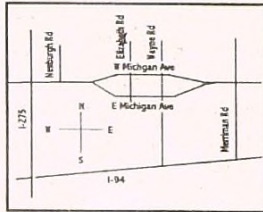


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New rules keep alcohol at arm's length

Stealing alcohol from retail shops in the City of Wayne is about to get more difficult.

City council members approved an ordinance last week designed to curtail the shoplifting of alcohol from stores and help cut down on under-aged drinking, according to Police Chief Mike Sumeracki.

The ordinance, which goes into effect after a second reading and publication, requires stores that sell liquor or beer to display and sell it from behind a counter that prevents direct access to the public, according to Sumeracki.

"We've been working on this for a while, now," said City Attorney Dick Clark.

Sumeracki said a look at the regular crime statistics in the city spawned the ordinance. The statistics showed that that the department responded to a large number of shoplifting calls, and the majority of them were alcohol related.

"Other cities have ordinances to regulate the sale of alcohol on open floor space," Sumeracki said.

"It has to be behind the counter."

He said moving the beer, wine and other liquor behind a counter would also help curb shops from selling to minors, too.

The ordinance will go into effect on April 1.

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Service Notes

Navy Chief Petty Officer Craig D. Bar, the son of Leigh E. Adams of Barchester in Westland, was recently promoted to his current rank and re-enlisted for six years while serving aboard the guided missile frigate USS Estocin, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Bar is a 1992 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland. He joined the Navy in February of 1993.

Marine Corps Pfc. Jerome A. Popowicz, the son of Lara Popowicz of Cherokee Drive in Romulus, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island, S.C.

Popowicz successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Coast Guard Seaman Eric S. Forge, the son of Therese J. Davis of Westvale in Romulus and Ricky J. Forge of Saginaw, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Marine Corps Pvt. Michael A. Kassa, the son of Shirley A. Smith and Alfred L. Moore of Wildbrook Drive in Belleville, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, in Parris Island, S.C.

Kassa is a 2002 graduate of Belleville High School.

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Christopher L. Zrebski, the son of Janet Reed of Winslow Street in Wayne and Richard L. Zrebski of Merriman Road in Wayne, recently completed a six-month deploy-

ment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Laboon, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

During the deployment, Zarebski's ship visited the ports of Crete, Greece and Jebel Ali in the United Arab Emirates.

Zarebski joined the Navy in March of 1999.

Steven M. Vallis is serving his country as part of the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment stationed in Okinawa, Japan. The Marines have successfully completed their training in the Republic of Korea and are now training at Camp Fuji in Japan.

Vallis, 25, is a Marine Lance Cpl. and is the son of Debra Gibson of Belleville. He is an automatic rifleman for his battalion.

"I am the guy you see in the movies on the front lines," said Vallis, a 1995 graduate of Lincoln Consolidated High School.

Vallis is a part of Lima Company, which has detached from the battalion in support of Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (LF CARAT) exercise in the western Pacific. This multinational training exercise has given Vallis a chance to learn many new things.

"I have learned not to take for granted the things I have," said Vallis, a three-year Marine Corps veteran.

Although Vallis has gone through substantial training with his company, he has still found time to enjoy himself.

"I have enjoyed all of the respect, admiration and appreciation I have received," Vallis said.

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Anthony R. Hardeman, the son of Marcel

and Linda Hardeman of Gloria in Romulus, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Laboon, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Hardeman is a 1994 graduate of Romulus High School and joined the Navy in August of 1998.

Navy Petty Officer First Class Johnny R. Thomas, a 1991 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Milius, homeported in San Diego.

Thomas is one of more than 8,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors aboard the ships of the USS Constellation Carrier Battle Group.

During the first half of the deployment, Thomas' ship made port visits in Honk Kong and Singapore. Volunteers from Thomas' ship helped clean and restore the Armenia Church of St. Gregory, which was established in Singapore in 1835.

The USS Milius is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based weapons system is the heart

of the ship war fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Matthew J. Hartley, the son of Barbara J. Reeter of Sandra Lane in Westland, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Wing Control Squadron 18 in Okinawa, Japan.

Hartley was promoted based on his sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Hartley is a 2000 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia. He joined the Marine Corps in October of 2001.

Navy Seaman Recruit Brian T. Nugent, the son of Cathy D. Nugent of Brooklyn and Dale B. Nugent of Belleville, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Illinois.

During the eight-week program, Nugent completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety.

CITY OF INKSTER MEETING ABSTRACT

THE City Council met at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 3, 2003. All Members of Council were present. Public Participation and Mayor and Council Concerns. APPROVED: Minutes from 2/17 Regular, 2/18 Special and Pension Payroll (\$98,143.92); Eugene Cunningham appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals; \$11,983.75 to Milton Spokojny; adoption of AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF INKSTER ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 792, SECTION 155.019 (Copy of ordinances can be purchased or viewed at the City Clerk's Office from 8:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday); acceptance of bid from Apollo Fire Equipment (\$15,264.72); abandoning sanitary sewer easement in Meadows Subdivision; rehab program efforts from Inkster Weed and Seed; \$254,310.99 to Cadillac Asphalt; support for partnership between Inkster Recreation Department and Inkster Human Development; solicitation of bids for city insurance policies; extension of MDEQ Permit, rescind resolutions 03-2-78 through 03-2-81; \$5,500.00 and \$4,000.00 to Alternative Service Concepts. MEETING adjourned at 8:54 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Kimberly Turner, CMC
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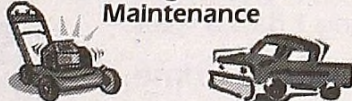
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SPORTS

Scott Spielman
Editor

It could have been worse for

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James Wisniewski (left) celebrates with his teammates after a Whaler goal Saturday night. John Vigilante was credited with the goal, and Wisniewski had an assist. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

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Benefit game generates \$7,000 for DARE program

Scott Spielman
Editor

Members of the Wayne police force and teachers from the Wayne-Westland school district put the fun in fundraising recently.

The two groups met for an annual charity basketball game to benefit the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, according to Ofc. Ken Spratke, the DARE officer for the City of Wayne.

It was the 14th annual contest and like many before it, the game wasn't all that competitive.

"It wasn't even close," said Spratke. The teachers, aided by a strong effort from Sandi Reynaert, topped the cops, 55-37. Reynaert was the top scorer for the teachers' side, Spratke said. She's the media specialist at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School, but she's a recent graduate of Concordia College, which she attended on a basketball scholarship.

The game generated \$7,000 for

We usually get a fair turnout. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Ofc. Ken Spratke
DARE officer for the City of Wayne

the program, according to Spratke. Area businesses got involved by donating to the program book and door prizes. There was also a \$1 admission charge.

"We usually get a fair turnout," he said. "It's our biggest fundraiser of the year."

The event also served to increase awareness about the program and the kids who take part

in it, according to Spratke. The kids received trophies and T-shirts, and they got to take part in the game, too. When members of the police team were fouled, the kids took their free throws, Spratke said.

"We try to keep them involved," he said.

An autographed basketball and tickets to the Detroit Shock were raffled off, too.

"We had a good time," Spratke said. "Everyone who showed up had fun."



Chad LaRose started the post season the way he ended the regular season — as one of the dominating offensive forces on the Whalers' squad. He notched a Whaler-record 61 goals during the season and has scored four goals in the first two post season games. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

Hockey - Whalers off to strong playoff start

FROM PAGE 11

Goalie Dan LaCosta appeared to block; the puck bounced over his leg and found the net though, to give the Whalers a 6-2 lead.

Plymouth 6, Owen Sound 3

The Whalers scored four unanswered goals in the third period Sunday night to rally from behind and take a 2-0 series lead against the Attack.

LaRose and Jonas Fiedler led Plymouth with two goals on the night.

The crowd had barely settled into their seats at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre when LaRose found the net for the third time in the post season. He took a feed off Nate Kiser and made it good at the :057 mark.

Fiedler followed that up with an assist from Vigilante and Kiser to score his first of the post season and give the Whalers a

2-0 lead.

It wouldn't hold up, though. Gimblett put the Attack on the board in the first period, and Passfield and Patrick Jarrett scored in the second period to give the attack a 3-2 advantage going into the third period.

It was all Whalers after that, though.

Thorburn got things going with his second of the playoffs at the 3:59 mark of the third period. Wisniewski and Patrick Ramsay helped out with the goal.

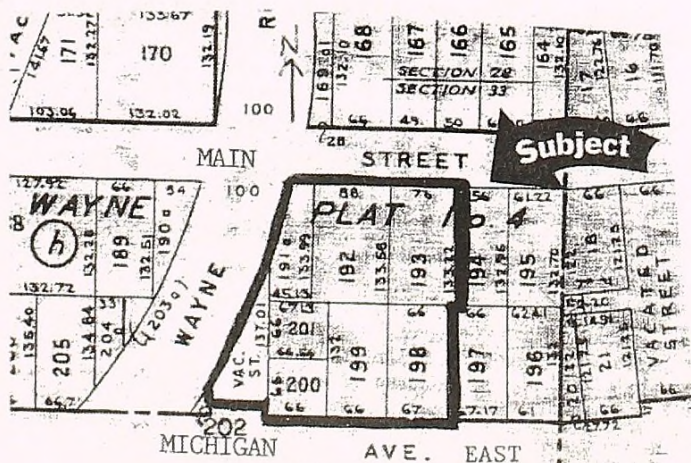
The LaRose put his second of the night past Ceci, with assists going again to Wisniewski and Ramsay.

John Mitchell scored his first of the playoffs at the 19:06 mark of the third, and Fiedler sent another one home about 20 seconds later.

The Whalers returned to Compuware Tuesday night for the third game in the series, but the outcome of that game wasn't known at press time.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on April 15, 2003 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider rezoning Parcel #55-018-01-0191-301, the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue East and South Wayne Road, from Business Intensive (B-4) to Planned Development District (PDD). The public is invited to attend and be heard. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider, and may act upon, this matter.



Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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CITY OF INKSTER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED DISTRICT AREA, AND TO CREATE A CITIZENS DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR A PORTION OF THE CARVER HOMES SU13 DIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BLIGHTED AREA REHABILITATION ACT, PUBLIC ACT 344 OF 1945

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Inkster, on Monday, April 21, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex at 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, Michigan on the adoption of a proposed resolution to designate a portion of the Carver Homes Subdivision as a District Area, and to create a Citizens District Council for that portion of the Carver Homes Subdivision in the City of Inkster, in which the Council shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Blighted Area Rehabilitation Act, Public Act 344 of 1945.

The proposed district area is bounded by Annapolis on the south, Carlisle on the north, Irene on the east, and Middlebelt on the west. The pending project is the development of 160 new single-family homes.

At the hearing, all citizens, taxpayers and property owners of the City of Inkster and officials from any taxing jurisdiction shall have the right to be heard in regard to the designation of the district area and creation of a citizens district council for that portion of the Carver Homes Subdivision.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313) 563-3211.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk

Publish: March 27, 2003

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2003-08 MARCH 18, 2003

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Rd. Members Present: Haidous, Dobrowolski, McEachern, Kelly, Shackelford, Hartford. Member Absent: Dickerson, excused, personal business. Held Public Hearing regarding Mich. Dept. of Natural Resources Land & Water Conservation Fund grant for Attwood Park & approved application. APPROVED: minutes of Special & Regular Meetings of February 28, 2003 and March 4, 2003; resolution to Logan K. Bonathan for attaining rank of Eagle Scout; bids for lighting & programs for 2003 Ice Show; transfer of ownership of Class C Licensed Business at 32036 Mich. Ave. from J.C.G.R., Inc. to JP of Mich., Inc; first reading of Ord. No. 800, Theft Prevention of Alcoholic Beverages; reappointment of Burton Shurlock to Library Board to February 2008; payments for portable sewer camera & hydraulic pipe cutter for DPW on emergency basis; resolution to Mich. Dept. of Transportation, State & Federal Critical Bridge Prog.; amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. to provide additional design services for City Hall Parking Lot Storm Water Quality Improvement Proj.; continued purchase of Neptune water meters and hardware from S.L.C. Meter Service, Inc; Professional Services Agreements with Advance Cardiac Education for Advanced Cardiac Life Support re-certification training & John DiPiero for Public Housing Division 2002 Year-End Audit; resolution to State of Mich. acknowledging a 520 ft. extension of Nyman St. is a public street; resolution allocating Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority Revenue Bonds, Series VII, & Covenantee To Comply With Rule 15C2-12; extending lay-off of full-time employee at Police Dept. to May 2, 2003; Site plans #2003-02, North Carolina Furniture Outlet, 4641 S. Wayne Rd. & #2000-03, Dunkin Donuts/ Baskin Robbins, 35545 Mich. Ave. W. Called Public Hearing for April 15, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. to consider rezoning Parcel #55-018-01-0191-301, NE corner of Mich. Ave. E. & S. Wayne Rd., from Business Intensive (B-4) to Planned Development District (PDD). Received and filed Communications & Reports & Consent Calendar. Adjourned to closed meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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Northville athletic director retires at end of school year

Scott Spielman
Editor

After 30 years in the education field, Larry Taylor, athletic director at Northville High School, is calling it quits.

The 54-year-old former coach and physical education teacher said this year will be his last with the Northville Public School District.

"My wife is a big influence in this," he said. She retired three years ago from the Frasier School District. "We'll still keep in touch with the district, and I'll still attend sporting events."

Taylor came to the Northville School District 18 years ago and has taught physical education at all levels. He's also coached basketball at the junior and varsity levels before he took on the role of athletic director.

Baseball was his first love, though. He attended Eastern Michigan University on a baseball scholarship and from there went to the Roseville School District. He taught physical education there and coached the varsity football program in the fall, the varsity basketball program in the winter and the varsity baseball program in the spring.

In Northville, he counts as one of his greatest accomplishments his input on the design of the new high school.

"I think we've done a nice job," he said from his corner office that looks out onto the ath-

letic fields.

When he came to the district, the high school was still located at Eight Mile Road and Center Street in the City of Northville. The school was state of the art in its day for a high school - with two gyms and a pool and all the other amenities - but the district was at the beginning of a major growth spurt.

"The gyms were a little small, and they were getting outdated," he said.

He took input from everyone as he helped design the pool and athletic facilities in the high school and the result is an athletic department second to none.

He said he's been fortunate with the facilities and the people chosen to coach athletic programs in the district.

"There are a lot of quality coaches here. It always made my job a little easier," he said, and added that many times the coaches don't get the recognition they deserve. "These programs don't just run during their respective seasons. (The coaches) give a lot of their time. It's hard to find good quality coaches that will do that."

He said during his tenure the nature of competition has changed, as well. Each year, he said it seems the students become stronger, faster and smarter and the competition more intense. It's become an unwritten rules that student athletes have to start preparing ear-



Larry Taylor, athletic director at Northville High School, will retire at the end of the school year. Taylor has been in the education field for more than 30 years. He's taught and coached in Northville for 18 years and directed the athletic department for nearly a decade. Photo by Scott Spielman

lier if they want to be competitive, he said.

"There's been a dramatic change in preparation," Taylor said. "We can't find a large enough room for all the kids that want to do weight training."

Taylor said he plans to spend more time with his wife, and the retirement will allow them to travel more often to property

they own in Florida. He also envisions more time spent pursuing his major hobby, golf.

It won't be easy to give up the daily return in exchange for more leisure time, however.

"It's difficult. You develop a long relationship with a number of people," he said. "That's be the more difficult part, not being in the daily routine."

It also means that he'll be able to watch games and track meets without worrying about whether the scoreboard works, or the equipment is in tip-top shape. In fact, that's the advice he has for his successor:

"Be prepared to spend a lot of time at school," Taylor said. "And have a lot of patience. Things don't always go smoothly."

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46. Private Instruction
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50. Pets & Supplies

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64. Lawn & Garden Supplies

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68. Garden / Produce
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99. Mobile Home Lots for Rent

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102. Storage
103. Business with Property
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105. Mobile Homes for Sale
106. Houses for Sale
107. Condos for Sale
108. Lake with Resort
109. Income with Property
110. Lots for Sale
111. Out of State Property

112. Acreage
113. Real Estate Wanted
114. Auto Accessories
115. Autos for Sale
116. Antique & Classic Cars
117. Trucks & Vans for Sale
118. Handicapped Vehicles
119. Auto Repairs
120. Motorcycles
121. Autos Wanted

31. Sales Help Wanted

Account Representatives Needed

The Journal Newspaper is accepting applications for Account Representatives to serve clients in our circulation area. Experience preferred but will train the right candidates. Must have reliable transportation. Flexible hours, full and part-time positions available. Send resumes to:

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44. Music Lessons

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60. Misc. Sales

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2 matching down sofas and Lounge chair, curved leather sectional, glass top dinette & 4 chairs. Bedroom Sets, assorted upholstered chairs, end tables, coffee tables, pictures & Misc.

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CALL: 734-467-1900

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88. Duplexes For Rent

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57. Antiques



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Mobile: 313-920-5966

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115. Autos For Sale

APPROVED AUTO LOANS
YOUR JOB IS YOUR CREDIT!

1. Income of \$1300/mo.
2. 6 mos. on your job.
3. Copy of phone bill.
4. Valid drivers license.
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Apply today!
Drive Today!

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IF YOU APPLY TODAY!

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Spring Home Improvement Guide

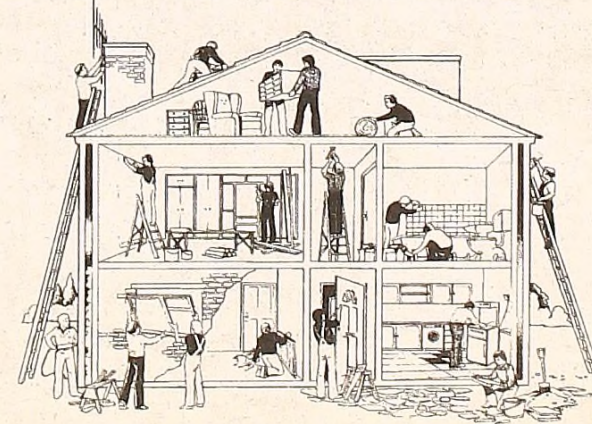
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Whatever their home improvement needs your customers will find help, ideas and resources in this special publication. And your customers will find you with this easy-to-use source.

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